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Re: Application of: Chih-Ming CHEN

Serial No.: 09/726, 193

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 1, 2002

Sir:

Applicants petition the Assistant Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 1, 2001 for three (3) months from January 1, 2002 to April 1, 2002.

A check for \$920.00 covering the three (3) months extension fee is enclosed. If it is determined that any additional fees are due or if any fees have been overpaid, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the deficiency or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

Respectfully submitted,

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